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NUCLEAR ENERGY PARTNERSHIP (GNEP) INTO THE INTERNATIONAL
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¶1. (SBU) Nuclear Energy Attach and econoff delivered demarche points contained in ref to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) International Nuclear Cooperation Division Principle Deputy Director Zentaro Naganuma, Deputy Director Shouichi Nagayoshi, and Staffer Junko Horibe October 16. Referencing the proposed changes to the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP), Naganuma said promotion of nonproliferation in parallel with nuclear power is a key interest of Japan's, and the GOJ wants to continue to work in close cooperation with the United States. However, Naganuma said comments made by Japanese GNEP Vice Chair, Cabinet Office Deputy Director General for Science, Technology and Innovation Policy Naoki Kajita, during the October 15th teleconference among the GNEP Vice Chairs, represents the official position of the GOJ and MOFA had nothing to add. Naganuma noted Kajita's comments will be provided to the USG by Japan's Embassy in Washington.

¶2. (SBU) MOFA officials stated that regarding the U.S. proposal to replace the GNEP Statement of Principle with a Mission Statement, their earlier decision to sign the Statement of Principles had been made upon close consultation with other relevant Ministries, and they would need some time to consider the new idea. Naganuma expressed appreciation for recent discussions with U.S. DOE DAS Ed McGinnis and DOS DAS Elliot Kang, which he described as very helpful to MOFA's understanding of the USG's goals on this issue. He agreed to forward the proposal to other ministries for review, but noted with some concern that the GOJ had just received these changes in the week prior to the Executive Committee meeting.

¶3. (SBU) MOFA Officials stated that International Nuclear Cooperation Division Director, Tsutomo Arai, Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Shunsuke Kondo and possibly a Cabinet Office Parliamentary Secretary will attend the October 23rd GNEP Executive Committee meeting in Beijing.
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